

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please amend the abstract of the disclosure starting at page 41, line 1 as follows.

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A recording medium ~~comprising~~ including a base material and an ink-receiving layer provided on the base material and containing a particulate ~~material, the~~ material. The particulate material ~~containing~~ contains particles of crystalline aluminum oxide, and the ink-receiving layer ~~being~~ is obtained by applying a coating solution containing the particulate material to the base ~~material~~ material, followed by drying to form a coating layer, applying water to the coating layer to cause swelling and pressing the surface thereof against a heated mirror-surface drum to conduct a drying ~~treatment, wherein the~~ treatment. The specular gloss of the surface of the ink-receiving layer is not less than 20% as measured at 20°.--